

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, December 5, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3548–3558; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 483 were introduced. **Pages H8124–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8125–26**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–312). **Page H8124**

Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 3010, to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 888.

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Rejected the Boswell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 887. **Pages H8103–05**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H8088**

Agreed to:

Olson amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–296) that clarifies that cumulative costs and benefits and estimated impacts on jobs shall include an estimate of the net gain or loss in domestic jobs. **Page H8093**

Rejected:

Moore amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–296) that sought to clarify that an agency shall take into account whether a problem disproportionately impacts certain vulnerable subpopulations (including veterans, low-income individuals and families, and the elderly), and whether such an impact would be mitigated by new agency action (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 882);

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–296) that sought to clarify that the agency would retain the discretion to determine whether to provide advance notice, not later than 90 days, of a proposed rule prior to it being published in the Federal Register (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 883);

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Connolly amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–296) that sought to clarify that regulations to protect public health and safety would not be blocked or repealed by H.R. 3010 (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 884);

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Nadler amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–296) that sought to exempt from the Act actions by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under the Atomic Energy Act (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 885); and

Pages H8096–97, H8101–02

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–296) that sought to exempt all rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 886).

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H. Res. 477, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 3463, H.R. 527, and H.R. 3010, was agreed to on November 30th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Carlos Moorhead, former Member of Congress. **Page H8106**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, December 5th at 12 noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H8111**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8117.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8099–H8100, H8100, H8101, H8101–02, H8102, H8104–05, H8105. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the issuance of a subpoena to compel the attendance of a witness at the subsequent hearing to examine the MF Global Bankruptcy. The Chairman was authorized to issue the subpoena.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Expediting the Keystone XL Pipeline: Energy Security and Jobs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following: H.R. 976, to terminate certain hydropower reservations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3263, the “Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Kira Finkler, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation; Randy Worden, District Manager, Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, in-

volving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; H.R. 2504, the “Coltsville National Historical Park Act”; H.R. 2745 to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3222, to designate certain National Park System land in Olympic National Park as wilderness or potential wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3452, the “Wasatch Range Recreation Access Enhancement Act”; and S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah. Testimony was heard from Rep. Herger; Rep. McKeon; Rep. Larson of Connecticut; Rep. Cravaack; Rep. Gosar; Rep. Heck; Gregory Smith, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Michael Jensen, Councilman, Salt Lake County Council; Ralph Becker, Mayor, Salt Lake City, Utah; Matt Ryan, Supervisor, Coconino County, Arizona; Pedro Segarra, Mayor, Hartford, Connecticut; and public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING VETERAN SUICIDE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Understanding and Preventing Veteran Suicide. Testimony was heard from Jan E. Kemp, National Mental Health Director for Suicide Prevention, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing series entitled “Securing the Future of the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Program.” The focus of this hearing is the history of the disability insurance program, the income security it provides and its financing challenges. Testimony was heard from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE OSCE REGION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine combating